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1. A Hungarian munitions plant is located in the Cséri Forest, approximately 2.5 kilometers northwest of Veszprém (P48 D78), which produces ammunition ranging from machine gun caliber to 12 centimeter caliber. The plant is under military administration * and employs approximately 9,000 workers. It has been steadily enlarged since 1948.
2. The exact production rate of the plant is not known. The warehouse, a two-story building 20 by 35 meters in area, is completely filled within two days. Every second day the ammunition is removed from the warehouse and taken by truck to various ammunition dumps (location not known). Ammunition produced at the Cséri plant is tested daily, on a firing range located just northeast of the plant grounds.
3. The plant operates in two shifts, one from 0600 to 1400 hours and one from 1400 to 2200 hours. Workers earn between 500 and 600 forints per month. Some of the workers live as far as 25 kilometers from the plant, and travel to and from work on plant trucks.
4. The plant occupies a flat, wooded area measuring 800 meters by 2,000 meters, surrounded by a two-meter barbed wire fence. A gravel road divides the grounds into north and south sections. There are four large factory halls south of this road, eight similar halls north of the road, and at least twelve additional buildings in the northern section, which are used for production purposes only. The large halls are three-story buildings having the first floor underground, and covering an average area of 16 by 35 meters each. Artillery ammunition is manufactured chiefly in the south buildings. There are many smaller structures scattered throughout the grounds, some of them serving as office buildings and canteens. A coal-operated power plant, containing three boilers, is located in the southwest corner of the grounds. It is a flat, camouflaged building 25 meters square and 10 meters high. In the southeast corner of the grounds are about 20 two-family apartment houses occupied by engineers and higher plant officials.
5. The plant is guarded by 500-600 AVH guards, some of them wearing khaki uniforms with blue cap-bands, the rest dressed in civilian clothes. Guards stationed about the grounds carry Russian sub-machine guns; guards assigned to watch the workers in the factory halls, carry Russian type pistols.

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* Comment: Soviet officers are often seen at the plant.

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